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Applicant: TSUKAMOTO et al.

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Mail Stop CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have commonly assigned related matters:

Patent No. 6,195,882, issued March 6, 2001;

Patent No. 6,197,407, issued March 6, 2001;

Patent No. 6,532,651, issued March 18, 2003;

Patent No. 6,565,954, issued May 20, 2003;

Patent No. 6,518,514, issued February 11, 2003, and

co-pending application Serial No. 10/280,964, filed October 25, 2002.

The references listed were cited in the afore-mentioned cases. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (2) (iii), the specifications, claims and drawings for this co-pending matters were submitted in the parent application Serial No. 09/686,220, filed October 11, 2000.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/686,220 filed on October 11, 2000.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

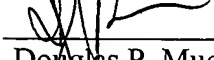
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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